

REMARKS

Claims 1-7 and 9-12 were pending in the above-identified application, claim 8 having been cancelled previously.

In the Office Action of September 6, 2007, claims 1-7 and 9-12 were rejected. As discussed with Examiner Chen on November 19, 2007, the correct patent number for the citation to Sugie et al. is U.S. No. 6,333,113.

With this Amendment, claims 1-7 and 9-12 were amended and new claims 13-16 were added. No new matter has been introduced as a result of these amendments.

Accordingly, claims 1-7 and 9-16 are at issue.

I. 35 U.S.C. § 103 Obviousness Rejection of Claims

Claims 1-5 and 11-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over JP 2000-242760 (“JP ‘760”) in view of Jones et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,843,422). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Regardless of what JP ‘760 and Jones et al. disclose, they both fail to teach or suggest a substantially planar core section to which first and second outer layers are adhered directly to the core section as reflected in amended claims 1 and 12. *See* JP ‘760 paragraph [0007] & Drawing 1; Jones et al. Col. 6, lines 61-67; Col. 7, lines 1-8 & Figure 1.

Additionally, JP ‘760 discloses a reduction in warpage when the “gaps of the oriented axis of the covering films” is 8° or less. JP ‘760 paragraph [0030]; [0031]. However, JP’ 760 also discloses that if the “amount of gaps of the oriented axis” of the covering films is 10° or more, the warpage increases to 2 mm and spoils the appearance of the card. JP ‘760 Paragraph [0030]. Thus, as reflected in amended claims 1 and 12, the structure of the synthetic resin card causes the warpage of the synthetic resin card to be less than 1.5 mm when the difference in the angle of orientation of the first and second outer layers is as great as 20°.

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As such, either taken singularly or in combination with each other, the prior art fails to teach or suggest all of the limitations of amended claims 1 and 12. Thus, claim 1 and claim 12 are patentable over JP '760 in view of Jones et al., as are dependent claims 2-5, 11, and 13-16. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that this rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 6, 7, 9-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over JP 2000-242760 ("JP '760") in view of Jones et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,843,422) as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Ohta et al. (U.S. Publication No. 2003/0062420) and further in view of Sugie et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,333,113). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

As discussed above, the cited references fail to teach or suggest a core layer where the first and second outer layers are adhered directly to the core section as reflected in amended claim 1. Ohta et al. discloses a pair of sheets, paragraph [0031] & figure 1, but Ohta et al. does not teach or even fairly suggest a first and second outer layer that is adhered directly to the core section. Furthermore, Sugie et al. discloses thermoplastic resin compositions, however, Sugie et al. does not teach or even fairly suggest angle orientation. Sugie et al. Col. 7, lines 47-55. As such, either taken singularly or in combination with each other, the prior art fails to teach or suggest all of the limitations of claim 1. Thus, claim 1 is patentable over JP '760 in view of Jones et al., and further in view of Ohta et al., as are dependent claims 6, 7 and 9-10. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that this rejection be withdrawn. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that this rejection be withdrawn.

II. Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that all claims are clearly allowable over the cited prior art, and respectfully requests early and favorable notification to that effect.

Respectfully submitted,

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